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1. The headquarters of the 4th Grenzbereitschaft was at 3 Puschkinstrasse, Meiningen. The Bereitschaft consisted of three Kommandanturen of three or four Kommandos each. The 1st Kommandantur was in Meiningen, the 2d in Roemhild and the 3rd in Hildburghausen. The total strength of the Bereitschaft was 500 to 600 border police.
2. Officers of the Bereitschaft included Oberpolizeirat Willi Gruehle, CO, about 37 years of age, of medium height, greyish wavy hair; and Oberpolizeirat Weiss (fnu), PE-Leiter, about 46 years of age, small, with reddish hair.
3. The personnel of the unit were armed with model 9E-K carbines and models 08 and 38 pistols.
4. The VP Grenzbereitschaft in Mihla numbered about 600 border police and was organized into three Kommandanturen.
5. The VP border police school of Thuringia in Sondershausen conducted training courses for all of the Grenzbereitschaften. Upon completion of the course the personnel were retransferred to the border.
6. The Grenzbereitschaften detached about 600 border police to the school in May 1950.

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